MONTANA PUBLIC DEFENDER COMMISSION

State Capitol, Room 152 Helena, Montana

July 23-24, 2009

Meeting Agenda

(All Times Approximate)

Thursday, July 23

8:30 – 9:00 a.m. Call to Order

Introduction of New Members
Election of Officers (*Action Item)
Approval of Minutes (*Action Item)

March 26, 2009 and March 31, 2009 meetings

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Orientation

- Impetus for Enabling Legislation
- Review of Enabling Legislation, including the role and responsibilities of the Commission
- Review of Major Initial Program/Commission Decisions
- Review of Standards
- Other Major Events or Decisions?

12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Lunch on your own

1:00 – 1:30 p.m. Public Comment

1:30 – 3:00 p.m. Evaluation Findings by American University

3:00 - 3:15 p.m. Break

3:15 – 5:00 p.m. Strategic Planning (with American University)

- Strategies for addressing issues raised in evaluation
- What is the Commission's role?
- How can we better fill that role?

5:00 p.m. Recess until 8:30 a.m. Friday

Friday, July 24

8:30 a.m. Call to Order

8:30 - 9:30 a.m. Strategic Planning, continued (with American University)

- Do we need different information, data, and/or input in order to fulfill our role?
- Do we need to revise the Commission Operating Procedures?

How should we measure success?

9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Committee Meetings

For this meeting, each committee will meet with all Commission members present. (See separate agendas for each committee. For a complete list of committees and members, go to http://publicdefender.mt.gov/forms/pdf/committeelisting.pdf)

11:30 – 12:00 p.m. Public Comment

12:00 - 1:00 p.m. Lunch on your own

1:00 – 2:30 p.m. Public Defender Program Report

- Chief Public Defender Report
- Budget and Legislative Report (Mitigation Plan)
- FY 2009 Preliminary Year End Financial Report
- Client Reimbursements
- Separate Conflict Office—Costs and Benefits
- Major Crime Unit
- DUI Courts

2:30 – 2:45 p.m. Break

2:45 – 3:30 p.m. Public Defender Program Report, Continued

- Training Coordinator Report
- Contract Officer Report
- Appellate Defender Program Report
- New/Revised Policies for Comment and/or Approval (*Action Item)

3:30 – 4:00 p.m. Public Comment

4:00 – 4:45 p.m. Commission Discussion

- Standards
- Review Agency Goals and Objectives (*Action Item)
- Chief Performance Review
- Revisit committees and committee assignments
- Set next three Commission meeting dates
- Controlling Commission costs (carpooling; car rentals)

4:45 – 5:00 p.m. Old Business/New Business (*Action Items)

5:00 p.m. Adjourn